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1. JP1-79607 discloses water-permeable artificial turf characterized in that a nonwoven cloth that is backed with a synthetic resin sheet is laid upon a stable base whose surface is smooth. The artificial turf consists of a pile formed of a synthetic resin which is implanted in a plain woven ground fabric laid over the nonwoven cloth. Sand is dispersed within the grain of the artificial turf.

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